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# **Metro Aviation commits to additional safety investment with purchase of ICARUS devices**

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Metro Aviation, in keeping with its never-ending commitment to continuously improve and innovate, has made an additional investment into its safety and training measures. By equipping pilots with the ICARUS view-limiting devices, Metro leadership is reinforcing its steadfast dedication to providing pilots with the best training tools available.

ICARUS or Instrument Conditions Awareness Recognition and Understanding System is a pilot training device that improves instrument flying proficiency. The device, used in the field, allows for the proper training for recovery of Inadvertent entry into Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IIMC), which still today, is a leading cause of accident fatalities.

“This is a game-changer our industry has needed for some time” said Metro Director of Operations Brian Bihler. “Training is the lifeblood of what we do at Metro Aviation and this device is the perfect complement to our full-motion flight simulators and flight training devices,” added Bihler.

The ICARUS Device was invented by Nick Sinopoli in 2014 after losing a friend to a spatial disorientation accident. Nick sold his car to apply for a patent and the gamble paid off in 2016 when he was awarded a patent for his innovation.

Bihler added, "We used one device to conduct extensive testing with several of our pilots in the field over the past few months, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive."

Shipment of the devices to Metro's bases located throughout the country will begin in the coming weeks.

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**About Metro Aviation:**

Metro Aviation, Inc., based in Shreveport, Louisiana, United States is a worldwide provider of completion services for all missions and types of helicopters and specializes in the EC135 and EC145 with several Supplemental Type Certificates (STC) developed by the company for these and other aircraft. Metro is an FAA approved repair station, approved Airbus Service Center and FAR Part 135 air medical operations provider at several locations across the United States. The company is privately held and is one of the largest traditional air medical providers in the country. For additional information regarding Metro Aviation, Inc. and any of its products or services, please contact Kristen King Holmes at 318.698.5200 or [kking@metroaviation.com](mailto:kking@metroaviation.com).

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